of the country if the FCI management fails to concede their demand to abolish the contract labour system;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to examine the demands of the workers of PCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) The FCI Workers Union had submitted a charter of demands on 20th March, 1992, including the demand for abolition of contract labour system.

(b) and (c) Such demands are gone into by the FCI managemnet. An amicable understanding has been reached between the management and the workers unions and they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 10th April, 1992. As a result, the Union agreed to withdraw the agitationul programme.

Old Age Assistance to the residents of rural Delhi

*173. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of rural Delhi are not receiving preferential treatment in getting Old Age Assistance or other benefits;

(b) if so, wheher Government propose to take any remedial measures in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therfor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) No, Sir. Old Age people living in rural as well as urban areas of U.T. of Delhi are treated alike.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Proposals for integrated Steel Plants

*174. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government have sought permission to allow integrated steel plants in the joint sector for Vijayanagar Steel Plant and if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received and action taken thereon; and

(b) whether any request for assistance to these projects from the Centre has also been received and if so, the details thereof indicating the action taken thereon

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The new industral policy announced in July, 1991, had removed 'iron and steel' from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. Industrial Licence is no longer required for setting up steel plants provided that the location is not within 25 kms of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per the 1991 census. The Government of Karnataka is however proposing to set up a steel plant in the joint sector. For this project the major assistance sought by the Government of Karnataka relates to the transfer of Government of India's shareholding in Vijayanagar Steel Limited (VNSL), land and assets of VNSL to the State Government, and to the transfer of Iron Ore Mines sought to be linked with the proposed project. These are under examination.

Drug addicts in the capital

*175. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey conducted by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi, has revealed that there are more than one lakh drug addicts in the capital and their number is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to tackle the problem of drug addiction in the capital in particular and the country in general ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No comprehensive survey covering entire Delhi has been conducted by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi. However, a survey conducted by the Department of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration in 1988 in Slum and resettlement areas in Delhi revealed that there were 2608 drug addicts.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is providing financial assistance to voluntary organisation for founding Counselling, De-addiction and After Care Centres as also for awareness building programmes. Electrinic and print media is also being used for awareness building.

Ministerial level talks between India and Bangladesh on sharing of river waters

@@*176. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the Ministrial level talks held between India and Bangladesh in Delhi in April, 1992 regarding the sharing of river waters between the two countries;

(b) whether any progress has been made towards resolving the disputes between the two countries;

(c) what subjects were discussed; and

(d) whether any furhter round of talks will be held; if so, when

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Flood Control and Water Development, Bangladesh held discussions with Minister of Water Resources, India on 21st and 22nd April, 1992. The Indian side suggested for sharing of river waters on a comprehensive basis in an integrated manner for consideration by Bangladesh.

(d) The next round of talks will be held on dates convenient to the two countries.

@@Previously Starred Question 96, transferred from the 4th May, 1992.

Implementation of Metro Plan in Delhi

*177. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Delhi Metro Plan in doldrums" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th April, 1992;

(b) whether there is continuous increase in traffic in the Capital; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the Delhi's Metro Plan?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To release congestion on Delhi roads, Delhi Administration got a techno-economic feasibility study conducted from M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES). The study has recommended introduction of the an integrated multi-mode rapid transit system coverng a total distance of 184.5 Kms. including underground metro corridors for a distance of 27 Kms. at an estimated cost of Rs. 5377 crores at 1989 price level. The project of this magnitude involves legal, financial and land use implications.

A High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor of Delhi has been constituted to go into various aspects including setting up of a single Transport Authority as also identifications of funds for the construction of projects.

The government is also exploring the possibilty of funding the project on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) Basis.

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